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Examiner:

Kevin K. Pyo

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 22, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action of August 20, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments